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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

☒ My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Polycarboxylic Acid Copolymer, Production Method and Use Thereof

the specification of which: (check one)

[] is attached hereto. [X] was filed on, as United States Patent Application Serial No December 26, 2001 or PCT International Application Number, 10/025,588 and was amended on 19 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56(a).

Prior Foreign Application(s): I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

2000-399466	Japan	27/December/2000	[XX]	Priority Claimed	[]
(Application No.)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	YES		NO
2001-248276	Japan	17/August/2001	[XX]		[]
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(Application No.)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	YES		NO

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below or 34 U.S.C. § 365(c) of any PCT International Application designating the United States of America listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT application in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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